

the unit is credited with assault landing credit. Only one arrowhead device will be worn on the ribbon.

(h) *Description.* The medal is bronze, 1¼ inches in diameter, an eagle, with wings addorsed and inverted, standing on a sword loosened in its scabbard, and super-imposed on a radiant compass rose of eight points, all within the circumscription "ARMED FORCES" above and "EXPEDITIONARY SERVICE" below with a sprig of laurel on each side. On the reverse is the shield from the United States Coat of Arms above two laurel branches separated by a bullet, all within the circumscription "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA". The ribbon is 1 ⅜ inches wide and consists of the following stripes: ⅜ inch Green 67129; ⅜ inch Golden Yellow 67104; ⅜ inch Spicebrown 67196; ⅜ inch Black 67138; ⅜ inch Bluebird 67117; ⅜ inch Ultramarine Blue 67118; ⅜ inch White 67101; ⅜ inch Scarlet; ⅜ inch Bluebird; ⅜ inch Black; ⅜ inch Spicebrown; ⅜ inch Golden Yellow; and ⅜ inch Green.

§ 578.26 Vietnam Service Medal.

(a) *Criteria.* The Vietnam Service Medal (VSM) was established by Executive Order 11231, July 8, 1965. It is awarded to all members of the Armed Forces of the United States serving in Vietnam and contiguous waters or airspace thereover, after July 3, 1965 through March 28, 1973. Members of the Armed Forces of the United States in Thailand, Laos, or Cambodia, or the airspace thereover, during the same period and serving in direct support of operations in Vietnam are also eligible for this award.

(b) *Qualifications:* To qualify for award of the VSM an individual must meet one of the following qualifications:

(1) Be attached to or regularly serve for 1 or more days with an organization participating in or directly supporting military operations.

(2) Be attached to or regularly serve for 1 or more days abroad a Naval vessel directly supporting military operations.

(3) Actually participate as a crew-member in one or more aerial flights into airspace above Vietnam and con-

tiguous waters directly supporting military operations.

(4) Serve on temporary duty for 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days in Vietnam or contiguous areas, except that time limit may be waived for personnel participating in actual combat operations.

(c) No person will be entitled to more than one award of the VSM.

(d) Individuals qualified for the AFEM for reason of service in Vietnam between July 1, 1958 and July 3, 1965 (inclusive) shall remain qualified for that medal. Upon request (unit personnel officer) any such individual may be awarded the VSM instead of the AFEM. In such instances, the AFEM will be deleted from the list of authorized medals in personnel records. No person will be entitled to both awards for Vietnam service.

(e) Service members who earned the AFEM for Operation FREQUENT WIND between April 29-30, 1975, may elect to receive the Vietnam Service Medal instead of the AFEM. No service member may be issued both medals for service in Vietnam.

(f) Vietnam and contiguous waters, as used herein, is defined as an area which includes Vietnam and the water adjacent thereto within the following specified limits: From a point on the East Coast of Vietnam at the juncture of Vietnam with China southeastward to 21 degrees N. latitude, 108 degrees; 15'E. longitude; thence, southward to 18 degrees; N. latitude, 108 degrees; 15' E. longitude; thence southeastward to 17 degrees 30' N. latitude, 111 degrees E. longitude; thence southward to 11 degrees N. latitude; 111 degrees E. longitude; thence southwestward to 7 degrees N. latitude, 105 degrees E. longitude; thence westward to 7 degrees N. latitude, 103 degrees; E. longitude; thence northward to 9 degrees 30' N. latitude, 103 degrees E. longitude, thence northeastward to 10 degrees 15' N. latitude, 104 degrees 27' E. longitude; thence northward to a point on the West Coast of Vietnam at the juncture of Vietnam with Cambodia.

(g) The VSM may be awarded posthumously.

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(h) The boundaries of the Vietnam combat zone for campaign participation credit are as defined in paragraph (d) of this section.

(i) One bronze service star is authorized for each campaign under the following conditions:

(1) Assigned or attached to and present for duty with a unit during the period in which it participated in combat.

(2) Under orders in the combat zone and in addition meets any of the following requirements:

(i) Awarded a combat decoration.

(ii) Furnished a certificate by a commanding general of a corps, higher unit, or independent force that he actually participated in combat.

(iii) Served at a normal post of duty (as contrasted to occupying the status of an inspector, observer, or visitor).

(iv) Aboard a vessel other than in a passenger status and furnished a certificate by the home port commander of the vessel that he served in the combat zone.

(3) Was an evadee or escapee in the combat zone or recovered from a prisoner-of-war status in the combat zone during the time limitations of the campaign. Prisoners of war will not be accorded credit for the time spent in confinement or while otherwise in restraint under enemy control.

(j) *Description.* The medal is Bronze, 1¼ inches in diameter, an oriental dragon behind a grove of bamboo trees above the inscription "REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM SERVICE." On the reverse, a crossbow surmounted a by a torch above the arched inscription "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA". The ribbon is 1 ⅜ inches wide and consists of the following stripes: ⅛ inch Primitive Green 67188; ⅝ inch Air Force Yellow 67103; ⅛ inch Old Glory Red 67156; ⅝ inch Air Force Yellow; center ⅛ inch Old Glory Red; ⅝ inch Air Force Yellow; ⅛ inch Old Glory Red; ⅝ inch Air Force Yellow; and ⅛ inch Primitive Green.

(k) The Vietnam campaigns are provided in Table 7 below:

TABLE 7

Campaigns	Inclusive dates	Streamer inscription
Vietnam Advisory Campaign	March 15, 1962 to March 7, 1965	Vietnam Advisory 1962–1965.
Vietnam Defense Campaign	March 8, 1965 to December 24, 1965	Vietnam Defense 1965.
Vietnam Counteroffensive	December 25, 1965 to June 30, 1966	Vietnam Counteroffensive 1965–1966.
Vietnam Counteroffensive Phase II	July 1, 1966 to May 31, 1967 (see footnote below).	Vietnam Phase II 1966, 1967.
Vietnam Counteroffensive Phase III	June 1, 1967 to January 29, 1968	Vietnam Counteroffensive, Phase III, 1967–1968.
Tet Counteroffensive	January 30, 1967 to April 1, 1968	Tet Counteroffensive 1968.
Vietnam Counteroffensive Phase IV	April 2, 1968 to June 30, 1968	Vietnam Counteroffensive, Phase IV 1968.
Vietnam Counteroffensive Phase V	July 1, 1968 to November 1, 1968	Vietnam Counteroffensive, Phase V 1968.
Vietnam Counteroffensive Phase VI	November 2, 1968 to February 22, 1969	Vietnam Counteroffensive, Phase VI 1968–1969.
Tet 69 Counteroffensive	February 23, 1969 to June 8, 1969	Tet 69/Counteroffensive, 1969.
Vietnam Summer-Fall 1969	June 9, 1969 to October 31, 1969	Vietnam Summer-Fall 1969.
Vietnam Winter-Spring 1970	November 1, 1969 to April 30, 1970	Vietnam Winter-Spring 1970.
Sanctuary Counteroffensive	May 1, 1970 to June 30, 1970	Sanctuary Counteroffensive 1970.
Vietnam Counteroffensive Phase VII	July 1, 1970 to June 30, 1971	Vietnam Counteroffensive, Phase VII, 1970–1971.
Consolidation I	July 1, 1971 to November 30, 1971	Consolidation I 1971.
Consolidation II	December 1, 1971 to March 29, 1972	Consolidation II 1971–1972.
Vietnam Cease-Fire	March 30, 1972 to January 28, 1973	Vietnam Cease-Fire 1972–1973.

Footnote: Arrowhead device authorized only for members of the 173d Airborne Brigade who actually participated in the landing in the vicinity of Katum, Republic of Vietnam, between the hours of 0800–0907, inclusive on February 27, 1967. A bronze service star affixed to the Parachutist Badge is authorized for members of the 173d Airborne Brigade for participation in combat parachute jump on February 22, 1967 per Department of the Army General Orders 18, 1979.

§ 578.27 Southwest Asia Service Medal.

(a) The Southwest Asia Service Medal (SWASM) was established by Executive Order 12754, March 12, 1991. It is

awarded to all members of the Armed Forces of the United States serving in Southwest Asia and contiguous waters or airspace thereover, on or after August 2, 1990 to November 30, 1995.